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CAIRO — Eighteen of the 19 U.S. embassies and consulates reopened Sunday after being shut down for a week across the Islamic world because of a terrorist threat.

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Singer Eydie Gorme dies at 84



Eydie Gorme (1956)

Singer Eydie Gorme, who enjoyed decades-long success as half of the duo Steve & Eydie and as a solo artist in her own right, has died. She was 84.

She is best known in the English-speaking world for her 1963 Grammy-nominated "Blame it on the Bossa Nova." In the Spanish-speaking market, Gorme's major hit was 1964's "Amor."

Gorme died Saturday in Las Vegas after a brief illness, her publicist said -- without disclosing what had ailed her. Her husband Steve Lawrence, her son and other family members were by her side at the time.



Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme at the "Thanks Frank" gala honoring Frank Sinatra, May 30, 1998, in Las Vegas.

"Eydie has been my partner on stage and in life for more than 55 years. I fell in love with her the moment I saw her and even more the first time I heard her sing," Lawrence said. "While my personal loss is unimaginable, the world has lost one of the greatest pop vocalists of all time."

Ms. Gorme, who was born in New York City to Sephardic Jewish parents, grew up speaking English and Spanish. When she and her husband were at the height of their career as a team in 1964, the president of Columbia Records

suggested she put that Spanish to use in the recording studio.

The result was "Amor," recorded with the Mexican combo Trio Los Panchos.

The song became a hit throughout Latin America, which resulted in more recordings for the Latino market, and Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Gorme performed as a duo throughout Latin America.

In addition to her husband and son, Gorme is survived by her granddaughter.

Services are pending and will be private.

Noted island comedian Vale Croes with another hilarious show



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Samson Antraco Bookstore presents the project "Peace Journey 2013"



Samson Antraco is managed by Mr. Robert Croes II. Besides being a company where the community can purchase articles for the family, home, school and office they also regularly organize projects for all ages. Mrs. Fiorella Gayoso, Head of the company is in charge of these projects.

This time it was decided to work on a project that will benefit the personal development of each individual and will be offered for all ages. The sale of motivational and inspirational books has gone

up this last year and to elaborate more on these topics an interesting and beautiful agenda was created for the month of September.

The "Peace Journey 2013" project consists of different

topics like, creativity, movies and motivation and is for all ages. Mrs. Abigail Arends of ELKA & Associates will be giving the lessons. Mrs. Arends is an International Self Esteem Leader (Therapist, Coach, and Trainer). She will be discussing several topics and helping each participant individually so one can achieve inner peace.

It is recommended for both parent and child to assist these classes as there will be different tips on how to reach a better communication, understanding, peace and tranquility.

For more information on participating please call ELKA & Associates N.V. at 5884600 or email: info@elka-aruba.com.

Cas di Cultura presents noted island comedian Vale Croes with another hilarious show:

"Hey Ban Ta Serio Si...Pa Ken Bo Ta Vota"?



Aruba's national elections, held every four years, are less than two months away. This is providing a wealth of material for Aruba's most renowned standup comedian, Vale Croes. He is once again presenting one of his spectacular one-man shows, always guaranteed to leave his audience limp with laughter. It is titled: "Hey Ban Ta Serio Si...Pa Ken Bo Ta Vota"? - "Hey Lets Be Serious, Yes... For Whom Will You Vote?"

According to Vale, he could not help but be inspired by the political situation on our island, "where actual events are just too funny to ignore." Attendees can look forward to a hilarious show combined with dancing, singing and several

monologues, which also have a message.

"Come see the sexy lady who will dance for you," Vale invites, but "Hey Lets Be Serious Yes... For Whom Will You Vote?"

The show is at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad on August 16, 17 and 18 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are Afls 30.00 and admission is strictly 18 years and older.

Tickets are available at Manuelito's Sports Bar in Oranjestad, Welcome Snack in Oranjestad, Botica Santa Ana in Noord, Dowco Santa Cruz, Gallo Rojo in San Nicolaas and at Cas di Cultura.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the offices of Cas di Cultura or call tel. 528-1010.

U.S. embassies in Muslim world

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Even as the diplomatic posts inched toward normal operations, and as Muslims celebrated the end of the holy month of Ramadan, questions lingered about how

pressing the danger had been and whether the threat had yet passed.

The U.S. embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, the same nation from which a threat from an al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula earlier this month spurred the State Department to close its facilities, remained closed.

And the U.S. consulate in Lahore, Pakistan, initially among the consulates open after U.S. officials announced that an unusually high number would be closed, remained shuttered indefinitely. U.S. officials evacuated personnel there Friday after receiving "specific threats."

The nature of those threats or who they aimed at remains unclear. A worldwide travel warning to Americans overseas remains in place through the end of August.

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Shanley graduates from University of Aruba



Shanley's Bachelor's Degree was in Finance and Accounting at the University of Aruba.

Her proud parents, Mabel de Cuba and Stanley Banfield with family and friends gathered to congratulate Shanley on her successful completion of the Bachelor's Degree. They further wish her much success in her future endeavours. The Morning News joins in to congratulate Shanley on her success.

Shanley's family and friends recently met in Santa Cruz to celebrate her graduation from the University of Aruba. She successfully completed her studies with a grade of 3 (B) for her final presentation.



"Identity Pill" by artist Nelson Gonzalez presented by Ateliers '89



Hot cattle brands on the fire

Aruba's cultural community enjoyed this past week the unique vision of Venezuelan artist Nelson Gonzalez, who settled on Aruba in 2003. Mr. Gonzalez, one of the leading Avant-garde artists on Aruba, usually combines several media in his installations and incidences to fully express his wry observations on social mores and ambiguities, and, in particular, those of his adopted homeland, Aruba.

On Thursday evening, August 8, he presented "Identity Pill" at the Ateliers '89 art center and school in Oranjestad. This exhibition/incidence was initially staged in Amsterdam in February, 2012, by curator Gijs Stork, who organized the Fashion/Culture Salon for the first Aruba In Style/AIS Fashion week in 2011.

On Thursday evening, the opening statement on the work of Nelson Gonzalez and its social importance was made by Lusette Verboom, founder of the Galeria Alma Blou in Curacao, via SKYPE. The Curacao gallery regularly features his work, which Ms. Verboom expressed had great impact.

"As an intellectual artist he is always observing his surroundings, looking for the social context and contemplating why people behave as they do."

Having settled in San Nicolas, Gonzalez has ample opportunity to observe various national groups descended from those that migrated to Aruba for work in the refinery, but after three generations born and raised on Aruba, still attempt to maintain the cultural traditions from whence their grandparents came. The fact that they still struggle against

Venezuelan cooking as art with Nelson Gonzalez

fully being affected by the Dutch and Aruban "identity pill" they must swallow, is a focus of his current work. He also celebrated his own antecedents, with a cooking demonstration of native Venezuelan cuisine. Painting a fire pit with branding irons and video all combined to present the artist's premise. The video portion can be seen on Youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3vZGbxih3w>

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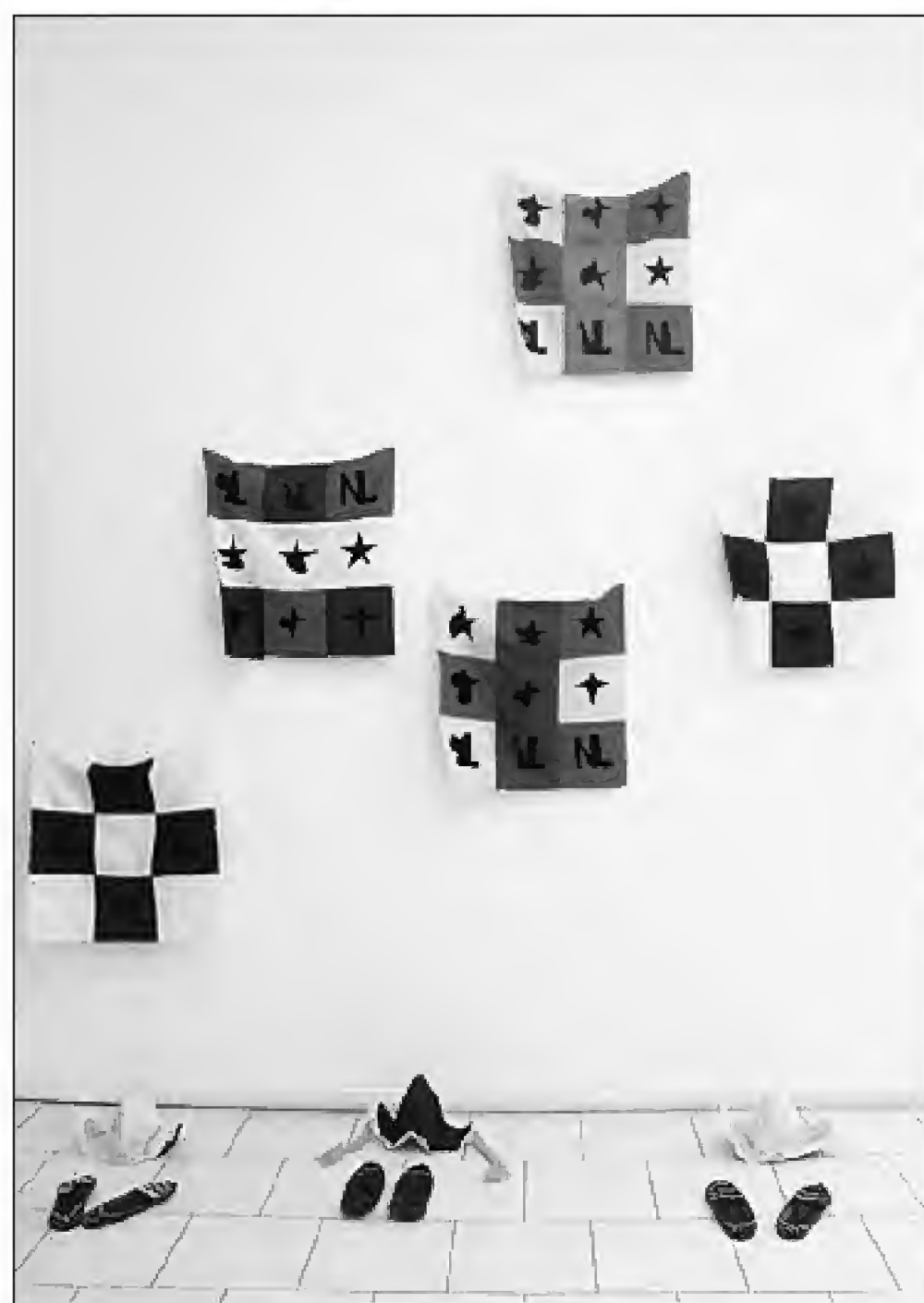
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"Identity Pill"

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The issue of new generations fully absorbing an adopted country's culture along with its citizenship, while leaving behind those of one's parents, is a global issue wherever people have migrated seeking a better life. All developed western countries have experienced it, and the aspect of whether immigrants bring some enlightenment and variety to a culture, is part of the question Mr. Gonzalez asks. Should not the nations in question revel in these refreshing additions, which add some spice to what they have known for so long? Or, must succeeding generations stamp out their individuality, in order to survive and be accepted socially? Isn't something lost as they become assimilated into their new homeland, and their individuality and ethnic identity is dis-

sipated? Thought-provoking questions not only for Aruba, but a world where being different often means being discriminated against, perhaps even persecuted.

Ateliers '89 Academy of Fine Arts is a foundation dedicated to the understanding and propagation of contemporary culture. It is located in Oranjestad at Dominicanessenstraat 34, directly across from the Maria College. Current exhibits are available for viewing Monday-Friday, and classes and workshops in various disciplines are conducted year round. For more information on current workshops and exhibits, along with directions, visit their website: <http://ateliers89.com>

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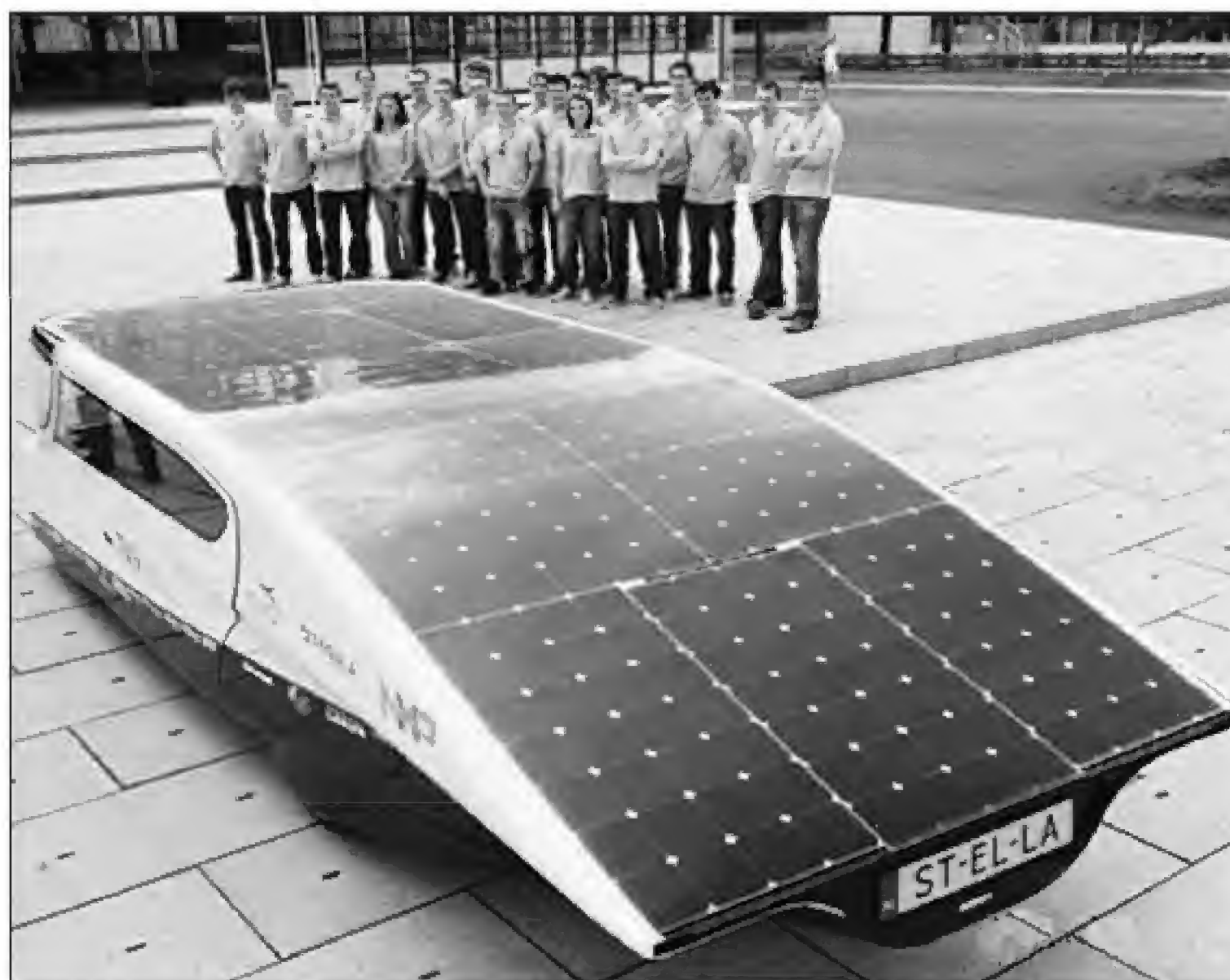
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World's first solar-powered 'family car' unveiled in the Netherlands



LONDON -- team of Dutch engineers have built the first ever solar powered 'family car' that has the potential to travel twice as far as your typical electric car.

The car, which has been named Stella, has large solar panels on its roof and can travel up to 420 miles.

The car, which was recently unveiled in London, can hold four passengers, can even travel around 250 miles without the sunshine.

Team Manager, Lex Hoefsloot, at Eindhoven University of Technology, said that his team strongly believes that the car of the future is much lighter, aerodynamic and efficient.

Hoefsloot asserted that solar panels are the solution for a sustainable future, and they can increase the range of your car.

He added that the solar cells on the roof of the car cost only 2,581 pounds.

Stella is also the world's first 'energy positive' car,

which means that it produces more energy than it uses.

Made from lightweight materials, such as carbon fibre, the car weighs a mere 380kg, which is 1,120kg lighter than the average electric car.

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Aruba says "Thank you"



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors.

Mr. Domenick and Mrs. Patricia Discenza from Jackson NJ, Mr. Onorato and Mrs. Caterina Ciollo from Staten Island NY and Mr. Luis and Mrs. Analía Ourfali from Buenos Aires Argentina were honored as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba. They are loyal members of the Playa Linda Beach Resort.

At the Marriott Ocean Club, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Kathleen Hyland and their son Thomas J. Hyland and daughter Mrs. Lauren Hy-

land Meyers were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba.

Also honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba were Mr. Larry and Mrs. Jonna Papazoglou from Milford CT, Mr. George and Mrs. Judy Modeste from Catonsville Maryland and Mr. Harry and Mrs. Rosemarie Kidd from Brooman PA. The honorees are loyal members of the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort.

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Snowden's father has visa to visit Russia

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The father of fugitive intelligence leaker Edward Snowden has obtained a visa to visit his son in Russia, the family lawyer said yesterday.

Attorney Bruce Fein said he and Lon Snowden will both visit Russia very soon, but would not say when.

"We have visas. We have a date which we won't discuss because of the frenzy," Fein said on ABC television's program "This Week".

Lon Snowden said on the same program that he has not spoken to his son since he fled the United States.

Edward Snowden, a 30-year-old former National Security Agency computer administrator, is wanted in the United States for espionage and other charges after leaking de-

tails of vast US telephone and Internet surveillance programs.

Lon Snowden said he wants his son to return to America at some point but right now does not think he would get a fair trial, as many lawmakers and members of the public have branded Snowden a traitor.

"If you consider the statements by the leaders in Congress, they are irresponsible and inconsistent with our system of justice. They have poisoned the well in terms of a jury pool," he said.

He added: "Where my son chooses to live the rest of his life is his decision. But I would like for him to be able to come back to the US."

Russia recently granted Snowden a year's asylum after he spent weeks marooned at a Moscow airport.

The decision angered the US and was cited by Washington as one of the reasons for postponing a summit scheduled for next month between President Barack Obama and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

In response to the public outcry over the NSA spying programs, including by some legislators in his own Democratic Party, Obama on Friday unveiled measures to allow for more oversight of and transparency in the surveillance, which the Obama administration insists is essential to preventing terrorist attacks.

Snowden's father said yesterday that Obama was "driven by his clear understanding that the American people are unhappy with what they've learned and more is forthcoming."

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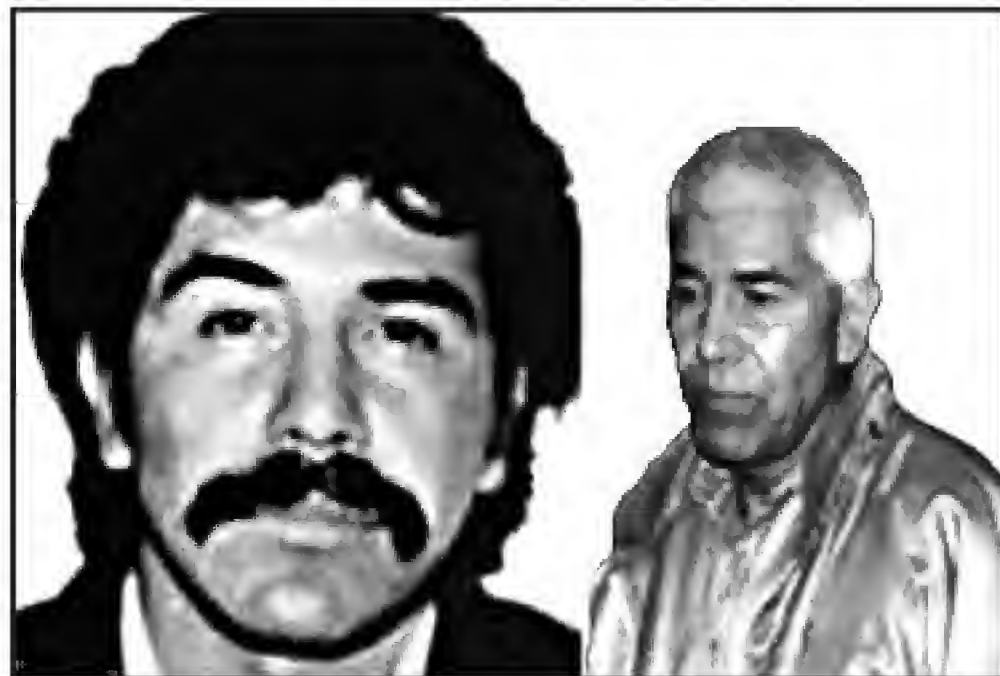
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

White House protests release of Caro Quintero



Rafael Caro Quintero

WASHINGTON -- The White House says it's seeking justice for the 1985 murder of a U.S. federal agent now that a Mexican drug lord's conviction has been overturned.

National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden says the United States is deeply concerned by Rafael Caro Quintero's release from prison Friday.

Caro Quintero was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the 1985 kidnapping and killing of DEA agent Enrique Camarena but a Mexican federal court ordered his release last week, saying he had been improperly tried in a federal

court for state crimes. The 60-year-old walked out of a prison in the western state of Jalisco early on Friday, after serving 28 years of his sentence.

The US Department of Justice said it found the court's decision "deeply troubling". In a statement, it said: "The Department of Justice, and especially the Drug Enforcement Administration, is extremely disappointed with this result."

Hayden said in a statement yesterday that the United States is working with Mexican authorities to see that those responsible for Camarena's murder face justice in the U.S.

Asiana offers \$10,000 to crashed plane survivors

SEOUL (AFP) - Asiana Airlines said yesterday it was offering an initial compensation payment worth \$10,000 to all surviving passengers on board a plane that crashed in San Francisco last month killing three people.

The South Korean airline recently started offering the cash to help the 288 surviving passengers meet urgent medical expenses and other needs before final compensation amounts are decided later, an Asiana spokeswoman told AFP.

"This is a minimum payment we are offering for all passengers, regardless of whether they were injured or not," she said, adding the amount will be deducted from the total compensation once it is decided.

Those who were relatively unharmed and whose ultimate compensation may come to less than \$10,000 will still be allowed to keep the rest of the money, she added.

The latest offer is not a settlement and will not affect ongoing or future lawsuits filed by passengers, the spokeswoman added.

South Korea's second-largest air carrier is faced with a horde of legal battles after the July 6 crash, which left three dead and some 180 injured.

The tail of the Boeing 777 passenger jet from Shanghai via Seoul broke off after clipping a seawall short of the runway, prompting the aircraft skid out of control and catch fire.

Alongside 16 crew members the aircraft was carrying 291 passengers -- many of them Chinese -- and more than 120 of them escaped unharmed. The cause of the crash is under investigation by US aviation authorities.

A group of 83 passengers on board the flight filed a lawsuit in July seeking millions from Boeing and warned their claim may be expanded to include Asiana later.

Other groups of passengers have reportedly filed separate suits in the US.



AFP picture, taken on August 10, 2013, shows the damages caused by an explosion in Nasiriyah, south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad. Car bombs ripped through Baghdad cafes and markets while blasts and shootings struck elsewhere on August 10, killing 61 people as Iraq marked the end of its deadliest Ramadan holy month in years.

Suspect parcel leaves two ill at JFK airport

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Two customs inspectors at New York's John F. Kennedy airport fell ill yesterday after handling a parcel in a mail center that apparently contained a toxic chemical, local media reported.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) confirmed that it dispatched a hazardous response team to screen the two workers and the package for what a spokesman called "possible contaminants."

On its website, the New York Post claimed the parcel had tested positive for a nerve gas known as VX, but police sources told AFP it could be several days before the exact nature of the substance is established.

Local news channel WNBC said the two customs inspectors had recovered from their nausea and declined further medical help. Citing a law enforcement official, the station added that the package may have originated in China.

The incident - which had no impact on any JFK passenger terminal or flight operations - came after a week of heightened concerns in the United States over a potential terrorist attack overseas.

Hannah Anderson reunited with dad

CASCADE, Idaho -- Hannah Anderson was reunited with her father yesterday after the 16-year-old was rescued from her alleged abductor in the Idaho wilderness. Anderson was unharmed but taken to a hospital for observation. Her abductor was fatally shot by an FBI agent.

Law enforcement officials offered few other details on the shooting, and would not divulge whether there was a fire-fight. They did say that no law enforcement officials were hurt during the incident.



JALAL-ABAD : Afghan addicts are seen smoking heroin in the city of Jalalabad on August 11, 2013. Afghanistan is the source of over 90 percent of the illicit opium in the world and in addition to the illicit cultivation, manufacture and export of heroin, the country faces the problem of rising domestic drug abuse with at least a million people addicted to heroin, according to research by the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). (AFP PHOTO)



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Mandela making 'slow but steady' progress

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Nelson Mandela is making "slow but steady" progress back to health, although he remains critically ill, the office of the South African president said yesterday.

The 95-year-old former president and anti-apartheid icon has been in hospital for more than two months with a recurring lung infection.

"Former President Nelson Mandela continues to receive treatment in hospital in Pretoria and doctors have indicated to President Jacob Zuma that the former president is making a slow but steady improvement," a statement from the presidency said.

"The medical team also reiterated that although his health was improving steadily, Madiba still remained in a critical condition," it added, refer-

ring to Mandela by his clan name.

Zuma asked South Africans to pray for Mandela's recovery and good health, the statement said. The South African president is technically the only person authorised to give public updates about Mandela's health, and had not issued a statement since July 31.

Mandela's youngest daughter Zindzi Mandela said Friday that the anti-apartheid hero was "not going anywhere anytime soon" and was now able to sit up unaccompanied. He was "more alert, more responsive," she said.

And his former wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela told Sky News Thursday that he was "now breathing normally."

Doctors had managed to contain his lung infection but kept "draining fluid from the lungs," she said.

Both stressed that he was not about to die.

Pope calls for mutual respect between Christians and Muslims

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis reached out to Muslims yesterday to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and called on them and Christians to promote mutual respect.

"I want to send a hello to Muslims around the world, our brothers, who a short time ago celebrated the conclusion of the month of Ramadan," the pontiff said in front of thousands of the faithful gathered for his Angelus blessing in St Peter's Square.

"I hope that Christians and Muslims engage to promote

mutual respect, especially through the education of new generations," he said.

It was the pope's second message to Muslim communities recently.

On August 2, Francis sent a text "as an expression of esteem and friendship to all Muslims, especially their religious leaders".

In his text, he also called on both religions to "avoid unjustified or defamatory criticism" of each other.

The pontiff on Sunday also addressed Catholics, exhorting them to "love of God", who

has "a name, and a face; he is called Jesus Christ", he said departing from his prepared script.

"That is the love which gives value and beauty to everything: the family, work, study, friendship, the arts and every human activity," he said to the cheers of the faithful.

Just before taking leave of the crowd, Francis gave his now traditional farewell of "good Sunday and a good appetite" before adding a "good-bye" as if he wanted to linger a little longer.

Evacuations from Indonesia island after volcano erupts



MAUROLE : AFP photo, taken from the Maurole district of East Nusa Tenggara province with a camera phone, shows Mount Rokatenda volcano spewing a huge column of hot ash during an eruption. The volcano erupted in central Indonesia on August 10, spewing hot ash and rocks high into the air and killing five people, an official said. Mount Rokatenda, on the tiny island of Palue, sent fast-moving red-hot ash onto a nearby beach, leaving three adults and two children dead, said vulcanology center head Surono. Activity had been increasing at Rokatenda, one of numerous active volcanoes in the vast Indonesian archipelago, since October and there had been a series of small eruptions before Saturday. A rescue team was seeking to evacuate some 2,000 people inside a three-kilometre exclusion zone and a group of "traumatised" inhabitants had already left the island, Eduardus Desa Pante, a local disaster management agency official said.

Death toll rises to 17 in Argentina building blast

ROSARIO (AFP) - Rescuers have found three more bodies in the ruins of an apartment building leveled in a gas leak explosion, raising the death toll to 17, officials said yesterday.

Four people remain missing after Tuesday's thunderous explosion in Rosario, Argentina's third largest city.

A total of 62 were injured and of these, 13 remain hospitalized.

Rescue teams have been combing through the rubble of the building since the blast.

A gas company worker and an aide who had been working in the building right before the blast were initially questioned by a judge but later released.

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Sci-Tech Big animals crucial for soil fertility: study

PARIS (AFP) - The mass extinction of large animals in the Pleistocene era caused today's dearth of soil nutrients, scientists said Sunday, and warned of further damage if modern giants like the elephant disappear.

The Pleistocene epoch, which dated from about 2.6 million to 11,700 years ago, saw large animals dubbed megafauna take over domination of the planet from extinct dinosaurs, only to die out en



"Big animals are like the nutrient arteries of the planet and if they go extinct it is like severing these arteries," co-author Chris Doughty of the University of Oxford's Environment Change Institute told AFP.

"Because most of these animals went extinct the world has many more nutrient poor regions than it would have had."

1, 00,000 people apply for 'one-way ticket' to Mars to never return to Earth

More than 100,000 people are eager to make themselves at home on another planet, according to CNN.

They've applied for a one-way trip to Mars, hoping to be chosen to spend the rest of their lives on uncharted territory, according to an organization planning the manned

missions.

The Mars One project wants to colonize the red planet, beginning in 2022. There are financial and practical questions about this venture that haven't been clarified. Will there be enough money? Will people really be able to survive on

Mars? But these haven't stopped some 30,000 Americans from signing up.

Anyone 18 or older may apply, but the fee depends on a user's nationality. For Americans, it's \$38; if you're in Mexico, however, it's a mere \$15.

The company said it sets the price based on the gross domestic product per capita of each nation. "We wanted it to be high enough for people to have to really think about it and low enough for anyone to be able to afford it," Lansdorp said.

For the first crew, the Mars One mission will cost \$6 billion, Lansdorp said. The idea is for it to be funded by sponsors and media that will pay for broadcasting rights of shows and movies documenting everything from the astronauts' training on Earth to their deployment and colonization of Mars.

masse themselves.

During their peak, much of the world resembled a modern-day African savannah.

South America, for example, was teeming with five-tonne ground sloths, armadillo-like glyptodonts the size of a small car, and herds of elephant-like cuvieronius and stegomastodonts.

These megafauna, animals weighing more than 44 kilograms (97 pounds), played a key role in fertilising soil far away from the areas near rivers where they fed -- ploughing the nutrients they consumed back into circulation through their dung or their decomposing bodies when they died.

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Heatwave kills four in Japan

TOKYO (AFP) - A heatwave stifled Japan Sunday as the temperature topped 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) in two cities, leaving at least four people dead over the weekend, officials and reports said.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the temperature reached 40.6 C in Kofu, 100 kilometres (60 miles) west of

Tokyo, in mid-afternoon.

The weather agency had warned early Sunday that the temperature would soar past 35 C in 39 of the country's 47 prefectures. It warned people to drink plenty of water and use air-conditioners.

On Saturday the mercury topped 40 C for the first time in Japan since August 2007, when it had reached an all-

time high of 40.9 C in two separate cities.

The heatwave, also gripping parts of China, has been caused by a Pacific high pressure system covering most of the Japanese islands, the weather agency said.

In early July a heatwave in the country claimed at least a dozen lives, according to media reports.

Israel to take polio vaccination campaign nationwide

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israel is to vaccinate all children against polio, after "thousands" of people in the south of the country were found to be carriers, Health Minister Yael German said on Saturday.

German said 98 percent of Israelis were already vaccinated but could pass the virus onto the remainder.

"We discovered that we had several thousand temporary carriers of the virus," she told privately-owned Chan-

nel 2 television.

German said that children were the target group as they made up over 95 percent of those carrying the virus.

The health ministry last Monday launched a campaign to vaccinate 200,000 children up to nine years old in the south, where the virus showed up in routine tests at sewage treatment plants, but German said that a meeting of experts on Friday decided to go nationwide.

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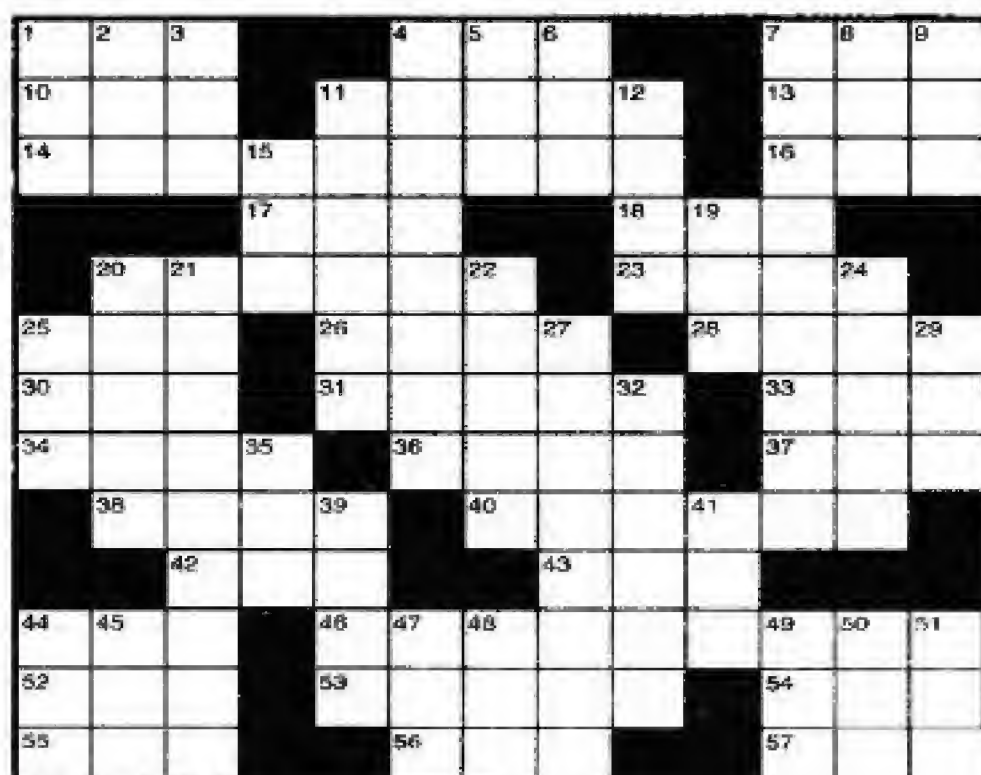
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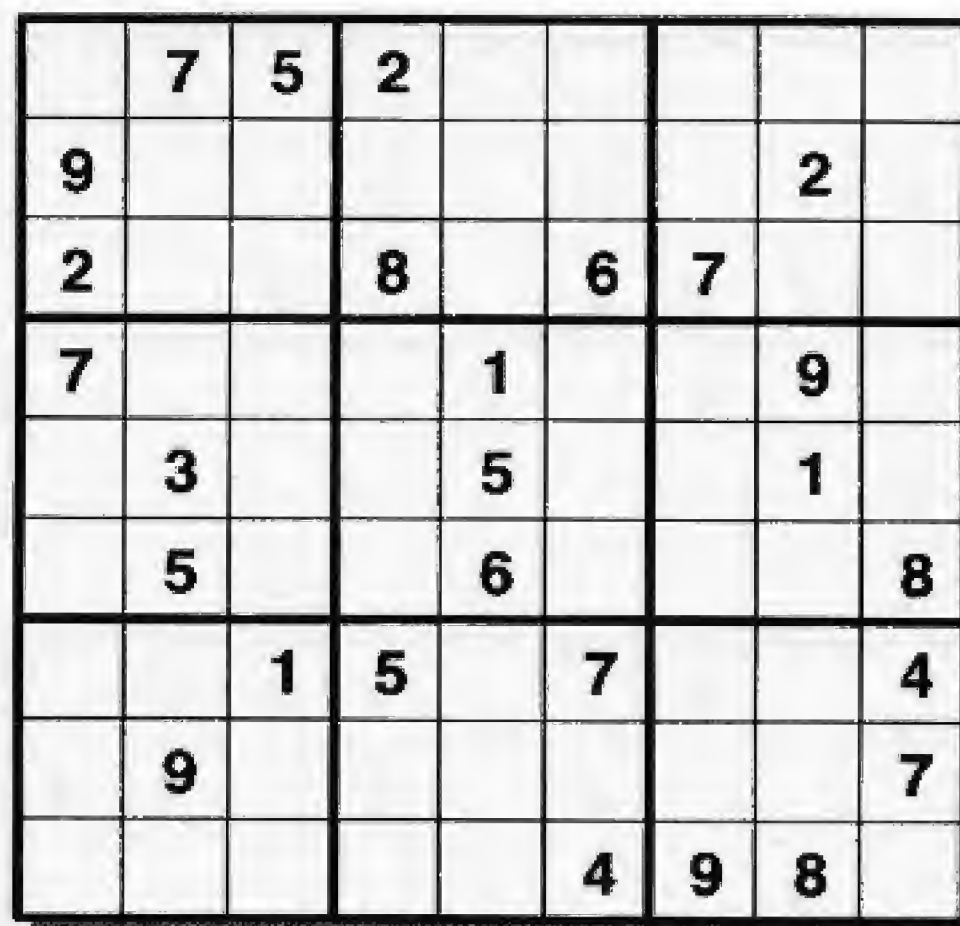
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FINANCE

French banks turn corner after turbulent year

PARIS (AFP) - French banks are back in the good graces of investors after turning in surprisingly strong quarterly results that appear to show they have put the worst of the eurozone crisis behind them.

Top French bank BNP Paribas turned in a 4.7 percent drop in earnings to 1.76 billion euros for the April to June period, a much smaller fall than had been expected by the market.

Meanwhile Credit Agricole reported that its second-quarter profits soared 60 percent to 1.39 billion euros and Societe Generale also largely beat expectations at 955 million euros.

"They are good results in general for the three banks" even if the asset sales and write downs they undertook last year to react to the eurozone crisis made for difficult comparisons, said Gabriella Serres, an analyst at Aurel BGC brokerage.

The price of shares in BNP Paribas has risen by 3.4 percent since the reporting season began two weeks ago, while Credit Agricole's shares rose by 12.4 percent, and Societe Generale's shot up by 17.4 percent.

Meanwhile the overall CAC 40 index has risen by 2.7 percent.

"Whether you look at the direction of the results or capital base, the results held up pretty well, especially in comparison with the rest of Europe," said Cyril Meilland, a bank analyst at Kepler Cheuvreux broker-

age.

Between maintaining new capital adequacy requirements, markets roiled by the eurozone crisis and economic slowdown, French banks have been under pressure to trim their sails.

In 2012 Credit Agricole sold at a loss its Greek unit Emporiki and parted with its brokerage Cheuvreux. Societe Generale also offloaded its Greek unit, Geniki, and sold its stake in US asset manager TCW.

The three banks also scaled back their corporate and investment bank operations, and reduced their holdings of risky stocks and bonds.

At the same time they launched cost-cutting programmes: 900 million euros over three years at Societe Generale, 650 million euros over three years at Credit Agricole and BNP is aiming for 2.0 billion euros over four years.

The results for the first half of this year thus looked favourable compared with outcomes for the same period last year, when the banks were forced to book exceptional charges.

But with business activity by these banks holding steady, or even growing, despite the recession in France, investors were pleased.

The banks also managed to keep under control their provisions for loans that risk not being repaid, another closely watched figure by investors in tough economic times.

US & EU car industries pull out of ditch

PARIS (AFP) - Car industries in the United States and Europe are showing clear signs of getting back on track after severe setbacks in the financial and debt crises.

The US auto market returned to pre-crisis levels in July and the slump in European sales seemed to ease.

US car sales reached the best levels for seven years as American consumers are being encouraged by low interest rates and a boom in the shale oil and gas industry.

A closely watched indicator, the sales adjusted annualised rate (SAAR), gave a reading of 15.67 million units, allowing the sector to return to the volumes it knew before the 2007 global financial crisis that crippled the sector.

It's a stunning recovery from a deep and painful downturn which pushed General Motors and Chrysler into bankruptcy in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis and which forced the American auto industry to undergo massive restructuring.

Both GM and Ford last month reported better-than-expected results for the quarter while Chrysler inflated the earnings of its parent company Fiat.

The Japanese -- key players on the US car market -- are also faring well. Boosted by a fall of the yen, the leading world automaker Toyota raised its annual forecast despite a fall in global sales. Nissan, on

the other hand, confirmed its targets even though its number of registrations fell.

Europe has also experienced a summer spell, even though the debt-burdened continent has been much slower to restructure its auto sector as governments pull the breaks in fear of higher unemployment if plants are shut down.

Earlier this month, BMW said weak European markets and higher competition would continue to provide challenges in the second half of the year.

In July, registrations in Germany rose by 2.1 percent, while Spain experienced a 14.8 percent rise, although this was with the help of government subsidies for the replacement of an old car with a new one.

Such temporary schemes in other European countries to support the auto industry after the financial crisis were followed by a slump in sales.

But overall, the latest numbers may mean that the drop in EU registrations is slowing down. In the first quarter the figure fell by 6.6 percent compared with a year earlier -- but numbers to confirm a trend will not be available until September.

An up-tick would do wonders for car makers such as France's PSA Peugeot Citroen, which is still highly dependent on Europe and which has managed to cut its quarterly debt in almost half.

The group, which has in effect been rescued via govern-

ment help for its credit arm, said it was pulling out of the worst part of its crisis and had no plans now to raise new capital.

But other European players which focused more on the international market are still doing better, such as French firm Renault and in particular German auto manufacturers like Daimler, BMW and Volkswagen -- all reporting solid second-quarter results.

Still, analysts and car makers alike are preparing for a near 5.0-percent drop on the European market this year from the already depressed level last year.

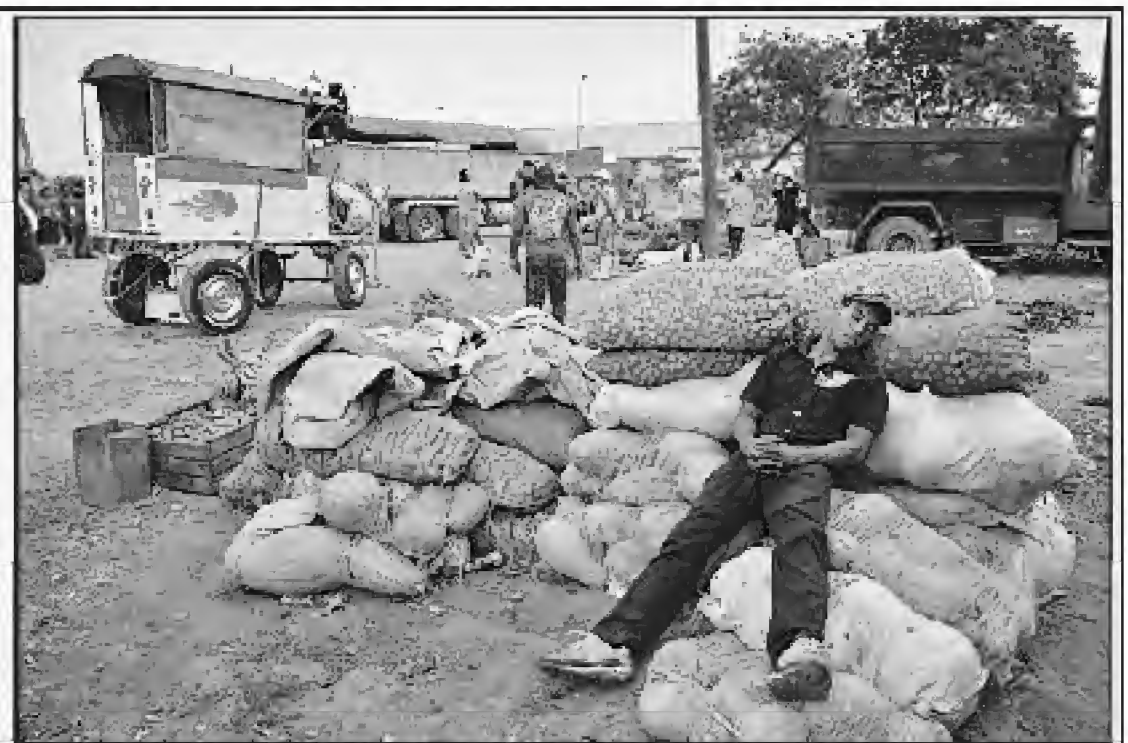
Industry forecaster IHS Automotive said it does not expect the French market to return to pre-crisis levels until 2017, and forecasts sales in Spain and Italy to remain at very low levels.

Aside from the US market, hope is mainly pinned on emerging markets and in particular China -- the world's biggest auto market now dominated by American, German and Japanese car makers.

In the first half of the year, sales there surged by 12.3 percent to 10.78 million.

Russia, which in a few years could overtake Germany to become Europe's biggest market and last year accounted for a record 2.93 million car sales, has experienced a drop in sales for several months as economic growth in the country slows.

HAVANA : AFP photo shows a farmer resting as he waits for fruits and vegetables retailers to buy from him a wholesale market in Havana, on August 6, 2013. After 50 years and due to President Raul Castro's economic reforms, the wholesale trade has reborn in Cuba.



SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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America Movil move on KPN may signal start of European consolidation

PARIS (AFP) - The bid by Mexican telecom operator America Movil for Dutch KPN could signal the start of consolidation in the highly fragmented and competitive European market, analysts and insiders say.

The 10.2 billion euros (\$13.6 billion) hostile offer by America Movil, owned by tycoon Carlos Slim, for the 70 percent in doesn't already own, is the first by a foreign rival for

a former state-owned European operator.

This leaves other European telecoms, smaller and less profitable than foreign rivals, looking nervously over their shoulders that they could be the next target or that the sector could finally begin consolidate.

The head of Orange, Stephane Richard, said last month doesn't believe the sector is on the cusp of a consoli-

dation as European governments "still have stakes in the big operators and would put up roadblocks to hostile offers."

Others see an inevitable movement towards consolidation in Europe which has more than a hundred telecoms operators, and as the states gradually reduce their role.

The Dutch government sold its last shares in KPN in 2006.

"In the United States, there are three major operators for the

entire country. In Europe there are many more and four just in France," said Guillaume Garabedian, an analyst at Meeschaert Gestion Privee asset management company.

The current situation is not favourable for European operators as the high fragmentation and competition in the market has crimped earnings, with the share prices and market valuations also sliding.

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The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

This very cute, cozy place is open for lunch and dinner daily, except Sundays and Mondays, from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. It is located directly across from the BSL Laundry on Captain Rodgerstraat, which runs along the refinery wall parallel to the San Nicolas main street.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."



Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site man-

agement's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in

finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Watchdog probes UK's illegal immigrants 'go home' ad

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's advertising watchdog said Friday it had launched a formal investigation into a government campaign urging illegal immigrants to "go home or face arrest", after receiving dozens of complaints that it was racist.

Trucks carrying billboards with the words, "In the UK illegally? Go home or face arrest" drove through London for a week last month in a pilot scheme by the interior ministry that has sparked widespread criticism.

In a campaign that critics

have dubbed the "racist van", the trucks were driven through several areas of London with large ethnic minority populations.

Posters, leaflets and advertisements in local newspapers are still carrying the message as part of the campaign.

"The Advertising Stan-

dards Authority has launched a formal investigation into the Home Office 'Go Home' ad campaign following 60 complaints," a spokesman for the watchdog said.

Complainants said the phrase "go home" was particularly "offensive and irre-

sponsible" as it was reminiscent of slogans used by British racist groups in the past, he added.

A spokesman for the Home Office, the interior ministry, said it was in contact with the ASA over the investigation and would respond "in due course".

After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite for fresh fish and seafood



Whole fresh catch of the day

-- Veteran island visitors often recommend newcomers to the Buccaneer restaurant, on the outskirts of Palm Beach, for not only reasonably priced meals, but one of the most unique dining environments on Aruba. When it first opened 32 years ago, it started quite a stir, and that same feeling of wonder is felt every time a patron walks in the door.

The fun and funky nautical

decor is the perfect complement to the huge saltwater fish tanks that dominate the dining rooms, where every sort of colorful local fish, along with Hawksbill turtles, moray eels and even a shark provide a constant show.

This riveting display was the vision of the founder and chef, Joseph Munzenhoffer, and his son, Vasty, maintains the singular underwater ambiance with the same devotion.

Aside from a visit to the restaurant being fun for the whole family, it will also be light on the pocketbook, with a diverse and delicious selec-



Buccaneer in Koyari

tion of fresh caught specials of the day, prepared any of several ways. Have them whole or filleted, with several sauces and styles of preparation to choose from; or tell the chef your special needs, and they will be happy to customize the cooking to your taste or dietary requirements.

Though Buccaneer is famous for its fish and seafood dishes, one of their regular patrons, who declares it is "my favorite restaurant on Aruba," informed us he always orders the steak or rack of lamb. A large family will find the vast selection of dishes will satisfy landlubbers and fish fanatics alike.

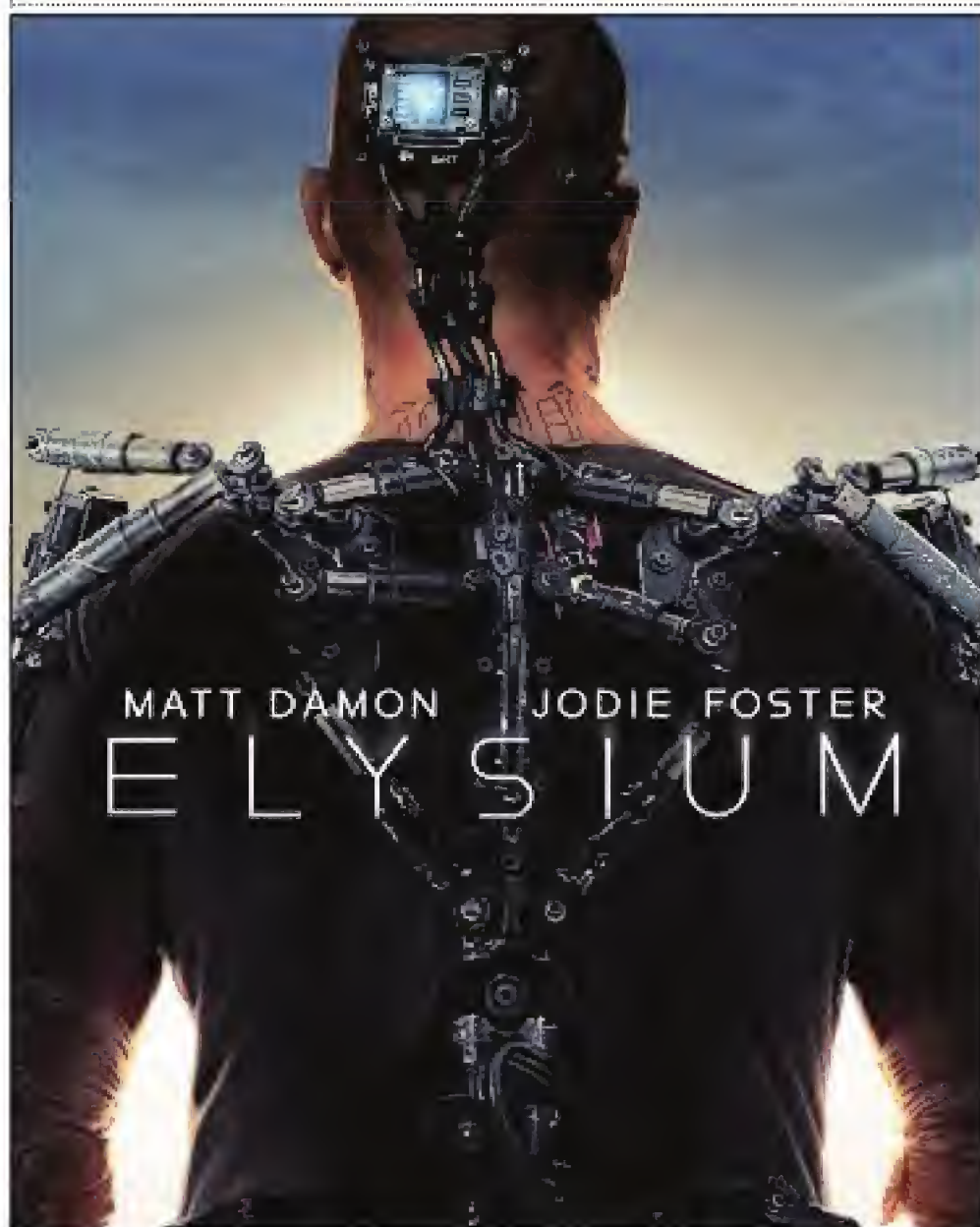
The restaurant also offers and early bird special daily from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. They offer a three-course meal with a choice of elegant appetizers, a fish, beef or chicken main course, and dessert, for only \$25. It is possible to peruse their full menu at their website: <http://www.buccaneer-aruba.com> Closed on Sundays.

Regular visitors to Aruba may have noticed it is a place where restaurants open and close with a similar frequency to New York City, but Buccaneer has gone the distance, as popular with both visitors and residents as ever; it certainly must be for a good reason!



Rack of Lamb for Landlubbers

Sci-fi thriller 'Elysium' tops US box-office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Science-fiction thriller "Elysium" took top spot in the North American box-office this

weekend, beating out competition from raunchy Jennifer Aniston comedy "We're The Millers," estimates showed

Sunday.

Starring Matt Damon and Jodie Foster, "Elysium" is set in a dystopian future where the poor have been left to inhabit a ruined Earth while the rich live on a luxurious space station.

The movie, written and directed by South African filmmaker Neil Blomkamp ("District 9"), earned \$30.5 million in its opening three days, estimated figures from box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations showed.

In second place was Aniston's R-rated comedy "We're The Millers," which stars the former "Friends" actress and Jason Sudeikis in a romp about a bogus family attempting to smuggle drugs into the United States from Mexico.

The film took \$26.6 million over the three-day weekend, placing it just ahead of Disney's latest animated offering "Planes."

An effective spin-off of the hugely successful "Cars" franchise, "Planes" took \$22.5 million to place third.

Fourth place was occupied by another debutant, "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters," the

latest adaptation based on the book series by Rick Riordan about a schoolboy who is in fact the son of the Greek god of the sea, Poseidon. The film took \$14.6 million.

Last week's number one, the Denzel Washington-Mark Wahlberg action comedy "2 Guns" earned \$11.1 million this weekend.

Sony's animated sequel "The Smurfs 2" was in sixth spot with \$9.5 million, just ahead of Hugh Jackman's comic-book based blockbuster "The Wolverine. The latest big-screen adaptation to feature the claw-fingered "X-Men" character added another \$8 million in its third week on

release.

In eighth place was horror film "The Conjuring", the low-budget shocker which took \$6.7 million. So far the movie has earned \$120.7 million in four weeks, a phenomenal return for a film which cost a relatively modest \$20 million to make.

Animated children's comedy "Despicable Me 2" was ninth with \$7.4 million, as another sequel "Grown Ups 2" took 10th.

Rounding out the top 12 were Woody Allen's acclaimed drama "Blue Jasmine", with \$2.5 million and animated children's flick "Turbo" with \$2.3 million.

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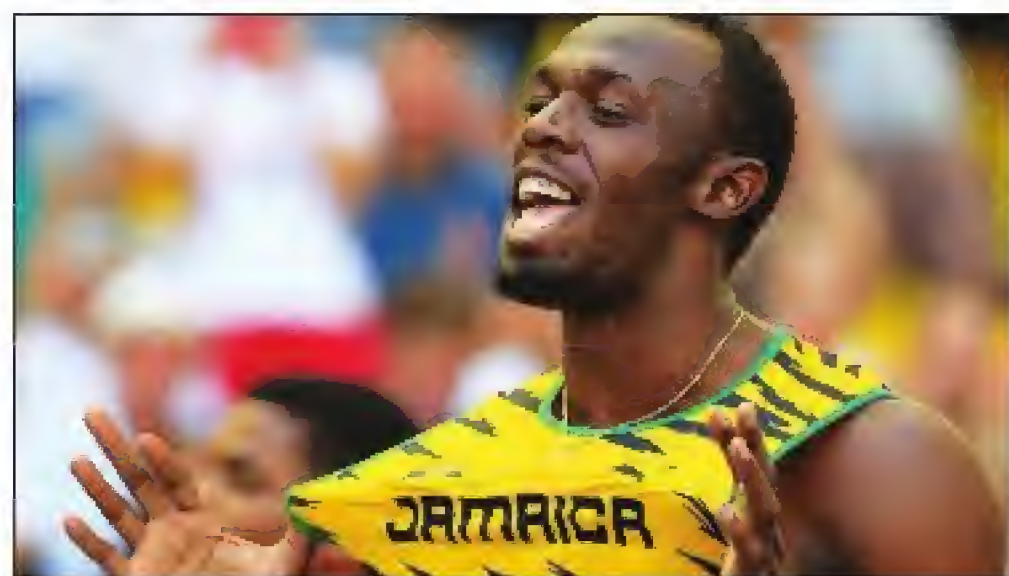
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SPORTS

Bolt regains world 100m title in emphatic style



MOSCOW (AFP) - Jamaican sprint star Usain Bolt lifted track and field out of the doping doldrums as he reclaimed his world 100m title in emphatic style on Sunday.

Bolt clocked a season's best 9.77 seconds in heavy rain at the Luzhniki Stadium, with American Justin Gatlin claiming silver in 9.85sec and Nesta Carter, also of Jamaica, taking bronze in 9.95sec.

Athletics' credibility had again been called to account in recent weeks, notably after American sprint rival Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell tested positive for drugs.

Once again it was Bolt, the powerfully-built 26-year-old world record holder in both

the 100 and 200m, who came to the rescue, at least in the short term.

The sole blot on the Jamaican's copybook since winning treble gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics was a false start two years ago in the Daegu worlds that saw now-injured teammate Yohan Blake take the blue ribbon title.

"I am happy but I wanted to do better," said Bolt. "My legs were sore after the semi-finals. I don't know why, but the world record wasn't on so I came out just to win."

"Back in Jamaica, they do not expect less than that from me. They always expect me to dominate."

Nadal routs Raonic, lifts third Canadian title

MONTREAL (AFP) - Spain's Rafael Nadal took just 68 minutes to deliver a body-blow to Canada's biggest tennis week, hammering out a 6-2, 6-2 win over Milos Raonic in the final of the Montreal Masters.

The dominating victory, in which the big-hitting Canadian's serve was all but nullified by precision returns from Nadal, marked the 25th Masters 1000 title for the 12-time grand slam champion who now owns eight trophies this season and 58 in his career.

Nadal showed no weakness on Sunday as he broke Raonic twice in the opening set, broke on a double-fault to start the second and claimed his fourth Masters title of the season after Indian Wells, Madrid and Rome.

"This was an amazing victory for me," said Nadal, who lost only one point in the opening set on serve.

"I knew my serve would be very important and I felt consistent. My returns were also unbelievable."

"I played a fantastic match against a tough opponent. He just had a few more mistakes today than usual."

Nadal will move back to third place on the ATP world rankings on Monday while Raonic moves to No. 10, becoming the first Canadian to reach the magic number.

Nadal remains undefeated this season on the hardcourts after winning the Indian Wells title in March. He also won in Canada in 2005 and 2008.

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Cricket: Bell determined to press on in fourth Ashes Test



CHESTER-LE-STREET (AFP) - Ian Bell insisted his job was far from finished after his third hundred of the series left England well-placed in the fourth Ashes Test against Australia at Chester-le-Street.

England will start today's fourth day on 234 for five in their second innings, a lead of 202 runs, with Bell 105 not out and nightwatchman Tim Bresnan unbeaten on four.

Sunday saw England suffer their latest top-order collapse of this Ashes, with Bell taking guard at 49 for three, a lead of just 17 runs, after Australia fast bowler Ryan Harris's treble-strike.

But Bell's fourth hundred in five Tests against Australia turned the tide for England, who at 2-0 up with two to play had already retained the Ashes.

This was Bell's 20th Test century in 92 Tests, with none of his 19 previous centuries at this level made in a losing cause (13 wins and six draws).

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Serena races to eighth title of year in Toronto

TORONTO (AFP) - World number one Serena Williams steamrolled Sorana Cirstea 6-2, 6-0 on Sunday to win the WTA title in Toronto and signal her readiness for a US Open title bid.

The 31-year-old American, stung by a fourth-round Wimbledon exit after grabbing her 16th Grand Slam crown at Roland Garros, claimed a third Canadian title to go with those she won in 2001 and 2011.

Williams needed just 61 minutes to notch her eighth triumph of 2013 and the 54th of her career.

It was a perfect prep for her defence of the US Open title,



with Williams hoping she can put her Australian Open and Wimbledon disappointments behind her when the last Grand Slam of the year begins on August 26.

"I'm disappointed I didn't win Wimbledon or Australia," said Williams, who is slated for one more hardcourt tuneup at Cincinnati next week. "I'm always insatiable."

Cirstea, who had beaten three top-10 players en route to the final in Caroline Wozniacki, Petra Kvitová and Li Na as well as former world number one Jelena Jankovic, couldn't pull off another upset, although Williams acknowledged the 23-year-old Romanian's run had caught her attention.

"I know she's so capable of winning big matches," Williams said. "And she's had so many big upsets this week. I didn't want to be another casualty."

In the end, however, it was never close as Williams handed Cirstea a third straight-sets defeat in as many meetings. Cirstea has never managed to take more than

two games off Williams in a set.

Despite her growing confidence, Cirstea's nerves betrayed her as she opened the match with a double fault, and delivered another double to surrender her serve in the first game.

On the verge of another break in the third game, she produced her best rally of the match to keep Williams at bay briefly, but the American gained the break on her third opportunity for a 3-0 lead.

Even so, Williams wasn't at her best, massaging a thigh and exhorting herself after wayward shots.

An on-court discussion with coach Darren Cahill at the changeover energized Cirstea. She broke Williams at love and held to narrow the gap to 3-2, but the magic didn't last.

Williams won the last three games to pocket the set in 37 minutes.

Another pep-talk from Cahill at 3-0 in the second set couldn't help Cirstea, her only flash of resistance coming when she saved a first match point, only to smack a forehand wide on the second.

Tiger's major misery extended at Oak Hill

ROCHESTER (AFP) - Tiger Woods says he is unconcerned about another year passing without another major win, but his bid to break the all-time record of Jack Nicklaus is clearly in jeopardy.

World number one Woods spent much of Sunday's final round of the PGA Championship touring the trees and testing the thick rough at Oak Hill's 7,163-yard layout on his way to a par-70 to finish 72 holes on four-over par 284.

The 14-time major champion, chasing the record 18 major wins by Nicklaus, has not won a major title since the 2008 US Open.

And while Woods shared fourth at the Masters and sixth at the British Open this year, he has not broken 70 in his past 16 weekend rounds at a major.

"I was close in the two of them," Woods said of his year at the majors.

"Certainly had a chance to win the Masters and the British this year. The other two, I just didn't hit it good enough. Just the way it goes."

"Is it concerning? No, I've been in half of them. So that's about right. If you are going to be in three-quarters or half of them with a chance to win on the back nine, you have just got to get it done."

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Aruba's Quincy Breell on his way to World Championship in Moscow



Quincy in action

During the school vacation several Aruban athletes in preparation for the local and international competitions had the opportunity to participate in the National Athletics Championship in the Netherlands as part of their training. Local and Dutch coaches communicated with each other for the continued guidance of the athletes since some could not make the trip to the Netherlands and accompany our athletes.

The three well-known Aruban athletes who competed in the Netherlands were, Jelissa Nedd, Quincy Breel and Shakyll Lourens. This trio is well-known for their excellence in athletics in our region and have previously competed and trained in the Netherlands. Jelissa and Shakyl did not succeed in obtaining a medal, but Quincy established a new Aruban record in the long distance jump discipline with no less than 7.86 meters. Quincy also achieved second place in his category during the National Championship in the Netherlands, jumping a

height of 7.46 meters.

Quincy later travelled with his coach Evelyn Farrel to Moscow, Russia to participate in the 2013 World Championship (NAAF) in Athletics. This championship was scheduled to begin Friday, August 10th in Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow and run through to Sunday, August 18th. The Aruban Federation of Athletics congratulates Quincy for his achievements and wishes him much success for the Moscow performance. Quincy is expected to do his first run on the 14th during the morning hours.

We certainly praise these three athletes for their splendid attitude who despite in their school vacation were willing to spend time training with such intensity and dedication.

The Aruban Athletics Bond (AAB) is considering participating with two or more athletes for the Pan American Junior Championship in Athletics to take place on the 23, 24 and 25th of August in Medellin, Colombia.

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